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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: CO, PINS
SUBJ: LITIGATION ON CURTIS KIDNAPPING CASE

REF: STATE 100107

1. DREXLER, GIBSON AND BOWYER REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM
DEPT FOR THEIR MEETINGS WITH KLEIN AND BIXLER ON THE CURTIS CASE.

2. WE NOTE FROM REFTTEL THAT DEPT OFFICER TOLD BEATRIC FOODS THAT
THE EMBOFFS "WERE FREE TO DISCUSS THE CURTIS CASE" WITHIN THE
LIMITS SET BY RESTRICTIONS COVERING CLASSIFIED MATERIAL. WE ARE
CONCERNED THAT KLEIN AND BIXLER MAY MISINTERPRET THIS AND EXPECT
TO OBTAIN FAR MORE THAN EMBOFFS WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. AS
DEPT IS AWARE, THE EMBASSY'S RECORDS ON THIS CASE ARE HIGHLY
CLASSIFIED. THOSE FACTS CONCERNING THE KIDNAPPING WHICH ARE IN
THE PUBLIC DOMAIN ARE ALREADY WELL KNOWN TO KLEIN. FOR THIS
REASON, AND ALSO IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THE LITIGATION, WE
BELIEVE IT VIRTUALLY INEVITABLE THAT KELIN WILL WANT TO QUERY
EMBOFFS ON MATTERS WHICH, FROM POINT OF VIEW OF USG, ARE
HIGHLY SENSITIVE.

3. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DOUBT THAT VISIT BY KLEIN AND
BIXLER FOR PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING EMBOFFS WOULD REALLY PROVE
USEFUL OR PRODUCTIVE FOR THE BEATRICE FOODS REPRESENTATIVES. WE
RECOMMEND THAT DEPT CAUTION KLEIN AND BIXLER ALONG THESE LINES.
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DEPT MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER CAUTIONING KLEIN THAT BEATRICE
FOODS' INVOLVEMENT OF EMBOFFS IN THE LITIGATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
BRING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF CURTIS' LAWYERS AS WELL.
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